

Hurricane Harvey Response 2017
Community Liaison (CL) Report

TO: Jannetta Coats

FROM: Paula Flores-Gregg, Pamela Houston and LaTonya Sanders

SUBJECT: Daily Report: Port Arthur/Beaumont

COUNTY: Jefferson

DATE: 9/14/2017

Due: Daily 4:00 pm

SUMMARY:

- Participated in the morning command briefing.
- Participated in the 10am daily conference call.
- Met with Vietnamese Community Organizer, Ms. Victoria Pham.
 - 80% to 90% do not have flood insurance.
 - Debris buildup is an issue.
 - Cars flooded – transportation is an issue – specially for the elderly.
 - Emotions are high.
 - Need information in Vietnamese.
 - A Vietnamese representative is needed at the City, County and with FEMA is greatly needed to direct and assist community members.
 - Need tetanus shots at their local church.
- Meeting with NAACP President, Mr. Haylin Gardner and church members tonight at 5:30 PM – notes will be included in tomorrow's report.
- Visited the FEMA Disaster Relief Recovery Center – met with Mr. David Phillips, Disaster Recovery Manager because of transportation issues.
 - This is the only Mega Center in Jefferson County.
 - Included SBA, Texas Legal Aid, IRS, Dept. of Ag.
 - FEMA has Spanish-speaking representatives and a Vietnamese representative will be coming soon.
 - Did not have specific information about local housing options – just knew that two Yard Barges will be housing up to 600 displaced residents.
 - Raised the concern about the disposal of sewage waste and chemical from the barges.

- Raised concerns about white goods from flooded areas – and we referred him to the city for information.
- The center does not provide transportation with those in need and it appeared that the County or City were not communicating on the issue.
- He mentioned a program called “Aloha” in Louisiana – where FEMA registered all senior citizens (elder locator), provided alerts and transport them to services.
- FEMA will also be having a table for temporary community jobs (Disaster Unemployment Program).

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- We hope to visit the following places tomorrow:
 - Legacy Community Health Clinic
 - Triangle Area Network
 - UT Physicians
 - Clinica San Lucas
 - Juanita with the Clinica San Daniel
 - Faith Based Nurse with Baptist hospital
 - Cathedral of Faith Church
 - Tim Ocnashek the Emergency Operations Center with the City of Beaumont

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- **Keep this request in mind:** 500-1000 Water kits were requested by Greg Fountain with the Emergency Manager for Jefferson County.